

**The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board  
Emergency Preparedness Committee  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 7, 2016  
New Britain EMS**

**Present:** William Ackley – Committee Chair, Gary Allyn – West Hartford FD, Robert Zeigler – ERM, Mark Franzese – Campion Ambulance, Judi Reynolds – DPH/OEMS, Michele Connelly – DPH/OEMS, Damian Rickard – American Ambulance, Alex Morisano – New Britain EMS, Carmine Centrella – CR-MMRS, Jon Best – DPH/DPHPR, Greg Priest – UCONN, Richard Kamin MD – DPH/OEMS

**Call In:** Shea Gregg, M.D. – Trauma Committee, John Reed – Danbury EMS, Joe Laucella – Trumbull EMS

**1.0 Call to order**

Chair Bill Ackley called the meeting to order at 9:32AM at New Britain EMS Headquarters. Introductions were done and persons calling in were acknowledged.

**2.0 Approval of November 2015 minutes**

The minutes of December 10, 2016 were reviewed with a correction requested to 2.0, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, second sentence to state: “He spoke about Jonathan Best wanting to revitalize the ambulance task force concept and development of a matrix for the state, in coordination with the forward movement of patient’s plan, he also reviewed past efforts”. A motion to accept the minutes with the change was made by Robert Zeigler, seconded by Damian Rickard. All were in favor except for one, Jonathan Best abstained, motion carried.

**3.0 Initiatives for discussion/EMS Preparedness**

• **Update from Preparedness**

Jonathan Best spoke about the following:

- A Statewide Medical Countermeasures Full-Scale Exercise is planned for Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. A planning meeting was held on January 4, 2016, the power point presentation from that meeting may be shared upon request. Jon gave a brief overview of the exercise timeline and objectives.
- On September 8, 2016 Connecticut will host a SNS one day conference at Camp Niantic.
- October 2016 there will be a Regional Mass Fatality Exercise that will include field mortuary mass fatality management held at Bradley International Airport. Jon noted this is a good opportunity to observe the process, he reviewed agencies that will participate. Discussion followed on capabilities.
- Jon reported that DPH/DPHPR will be taking delivery of a refrigerated truck on Monday that will be able to serve multiple functions including vaccine delivery.
- Discussion followed on the Interstate Compact for MAB’s (mobile ambulance buses); documentation required when requesting them; logistical needs such as loading and offloading, fueling, mechanical support and protocols for handling of patients when utilizing a MAB. Bill Ackley noted that the MAB’s will most likely only have a driver and possibly one technician when deployed, discussion followed on local assets that would be needed. Bill also gave a brief overview of the multiple ways the MAB’s are utilized and their capabilities.
- There was discussion on the DMAT team and the call up process.
- Jon Best talked about the labor required when setting up the field hospital components, he questioned the possibility of developing a team that could assist with the field hospital setup and have as an additional responsibility assisting with the logistical needs of the MAB’s when they deploy into Connecticut. Discussion followed on current available resources and the support required by the MAB’s.
- Bill Ackley reported that the Interstate Task Force will be meeting at Stamford EMS June 16<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 1:30PM, Yonkers was invited to bring their METU. Bill will send further info as it becomes available.

- Brian McGuire will be coming to NBEMS to speak about work related injuries; Jon Best will forward the information.

- **Trailer Sub-committee report**

Jon Best reported oxygen systems have been updated in the trailers and Region 1's trailer has been inventoried. Discussion followed on the possibilities of expanding the scope and uses for the trailers. Jon Best would like to develop an equipment inventory of needs for the trailers and then determine what other equipment could be added. He has concerns over not exceeding the weight limitations. Jon wants to remove ALS equipment from all the trailers. Discussion followed on additional equipment that would be beneficial on the trailers.

Bill Ackley reviewed Region 1's development of mass trauma packs that will be strategically distributed in his region, the equipment that will be included and possible situations they may be utilized for. He spoke about the possibility of this being a model for other areas of the state for possible future development of a statewide process. Dr. Kamin suggested adding some type of equipment that would facilitate patient movement and space blankets. Bill said the packs they are developing will have two fox trot litters and they are considering space blankets and will ratably add them. He commented for now the packs will be at the BLS level. Agencies receiving them will use them to supplement equipment they already have, they are not intended to be first in packs.

Discussion followed on "Forward Movement of Patients" planning.

- **Active Assailant**

Bill Ackley began the discussion noting the guideline developed will be community based. Alex Morisano has passed the latest version of the document to New Britain Police Chief Wardwell for review and comment. Bill Ackley noted Chief McNamara has offered to attend our meetings and be involved in the process.

Mark Franzese spoke about the improvements to the second generation Quick Clot and the value of skeds in patient movement. Rich Kamin spoke about the value of basic equipment and that are a number of hemostatic products being introduced into the market, equipment decisions should be evidence based.

Discussion on training requirements followed, emphasizing the need for a TECC component.

Initiatives under development with Active Assailant guidelines by other agencies in the state were discussed. Greg Priest commented on needing to move forward on the document we are developing as a committee of CEMSAB but we also need to maintain relationships with agencies that are working on similar initiatives. Rich Kamin spoke about the importance of considering the components that this group feels are integral important parts of needed training. He feels a singular person (champion) is needed to bring together the multiple stakeholders.

Carmine Centrella commented on determination of the mission and bringing into the process a representative of the Police Chief's. Rich Kamin commented stakeholders are already involved but they are sitting at different tables, there is a need to better strategize how to accomplish our goal. Jon Best suggested taking our document and sharing it with the State Police Committee and possibly the Fire Academy, he wants to assure we continue to make progress. The draft with comments will be forwarded to Jon Best after this meeting for sharing with the other agencies for comment. Because each community will be unique in their needs and capabilities, Chief Allyn feels our document should be a foundation that can be built on.

The distributed draft document "draft 01052016" was discussed and suggested changes were recorded by Bill Ackley, after which it was the consensus of the group to have one working document. Carmine Centrella will set up a planning room with version controls to facilitate that and send the link out. Bill Ackley asked that comments be made within the next two days, he will incorporate them and send it to Jon Best for distribution as

discussed. Dr. Kamin suggested minimizing some of the equipment specifics in the document and emphasizing the importance of why the group is developing this guideline, the importance of an integrated planning process and the importance of a common operating language. Bill Ackley suggested those points could be integrated into an executive summary. Greg Priest stressed the need for being concise. Discussion followed on the format of the document. Rich Kamin offered to draft the executive summary. The importance of including the hospitals in discussion was noted, Bill Ackley commented Brian Cournoyer was unavailable for today's meeting but he has been attending representing CHA. There was discussion about other groups that will need to be involved in the process.

If the draft document as discussed is ready by Monday Jon Best can distribute it to the police group prior to their January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dr. Gregg offered to bring the document to the trauma committee meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **4.0 Other**

- **Disaster Response to Pediatrics**

Bill Ackley reported there are two TEEX courses being offered for Pediatric Disaster Response:

New Britain EMSA – April 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Trumbull Agri-Science – April 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- **New York/New Jersey/Connecticut Interstate Task Force**

The quarterly meeting will be held in Stamford, CT – June 16, 2016 – 11:00AM to 1:30PM

- **CT Trauma Conference**

The CT Trauma Conference will be held at Foxwoods – March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

- **CT EMS EXPO**

The CT EMS EXPO will be held at Mohegan Sun – June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- **EMSC**

Dr. Kamin spoke about the rejuvenation of the CT EMSC program that is now being administered by Yale.

#### **5.0 Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:45AM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judi Reynolds

OEMS Region 2 Coordinator